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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. Atkin, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C.; George Street & Co., 30, Cornhill; Goron & Goto, 10, Cheapside; E. D. Baker & Son, 37, Walbrook, E.C.; Samuel Deacon & Co., 150 & 154, Aldermanbury Street, E.C.; PARKS AND EUROPE.—GARRETT & Sons, 26, Rue Lafayette, Paris; NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row; AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GOODE & GOODE, Melbourne and Sydney; SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts generally.—Brain & Black, San Francisco; SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLOR & CO., Square, Singapore; O. HIRSHMANN & CO., Manila; CHINA.—Macau, Morris A. de MELLO & Co., Sociedade; QUEZON, & Co., Amoy; WILSON, NICHOLAS & CO., Foochow; HEIDEN & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALKER, Tsimshau; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000
Reserve Fund.....\$4,400,000
Reserve for Equivalency.....\$4,400,000
of Dividends.....\$4,400,000
Reserve Equality of Proportion.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. P. McEWEN, Esq.
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
H. L. DALAVYRIN, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Chief Manager, Hongkong.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

HONGKONG.

Interest Allowed.—
Current Deposit, 3 per cent per annum on the date of 2 per cent per annum on the date of balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Local Bills Discounted—
Credit granted on accepted Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Debts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager, Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, or trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with the clean stamp, the depositor will be credited one cent.
6.—Persons desirous of having their option transferred to the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 1 per cent. per annum interest.
7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post by means of Stefan Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
8.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to deposits on their daily balances.
9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
10.—Orders containing Pass-Books registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, &c., generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank, will be forwarded on Hongkong Postage Stamps, or forwarded free of Postage or Postage Paid, by the various British Post Offices, Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp-duty.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of Notes will be required to furnish to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of issue, number and amount of each Note presented.

Forms of forms may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, by J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1265

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 12th July, 1882, under the Companies Act 1862, to 1882.)

LONDON BANKERS.—UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD. BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES of INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months notice 3 per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

WE beg to give Notice, that we intend to open a BRANCH of our Firm, as Public TEA INSPECTORS and COMMISSION AGENTS, in CANTON, for the coming Tea-Season.

MARGESSON & CO.

Macau, November 18, 1884. 1979

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA REGATTA request the pleasure of the COMPANY of the LADIES of HONGKONG at the REGATTA to be held on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 12th and 13th instant.

SUBSCRIBERS to the REGATTA can obtain Tickets of Admission to the Flagship on application to H. R. COOKS, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, V.R.C.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

Hongkong, December 3, 1884. 2033

NOTICE.

THE Extraordinary General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB, which was adjourned on the 6th ultmo, will be Resumed at the CLUB HOUSE on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

By Order of the General Committee,

EDWARD BEAERT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 2, 1884. 2025

THE VICTORIA HOTEL,

Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within minutes walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The rooms are spacious, well ventilated and have just been furnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE d'Hôte is always provided and served in the spacious large Dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unprepared for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Confidential languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE AND JING-KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

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Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1265

D. K. GRIFFITH & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON HEATED WATER.

Have removed from the Brantonville ARCADE to larger Premises,

1, DUDDELL STREET;

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,

TURKISH " GINGERADE,

SODA " RAISINADE,

SARAPAMILIA " &c; &c; &c;.

At the same Moderate Charge.

D. K. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 23, 1884. 716

WITH Reference to the above, BUSI-

NESS will be commenced on the

1st MAY, 1884.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

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T. JACKSON,

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Hongkong, April 23, 1884. 716

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For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),
ARE NOW
LANDING FISH IN AMERICA.

TOPCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
CODFISH, Boned.
Prime HAM, BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb. bags.
Bear Island SALMON in 5 lb. cans.
Cutting & Dessert FRUITS in 2 lb. cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCOOTASHE.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
Cracked WHEAT.
HOMINY.
HONEY.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE OIL.

KAI-SAR-I-HIND
CIGARETTES
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at \$6.50 per mille.

SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER
in 1-lb. Tins.

AGATE IRON WARE.
INSERTION RUBBER.
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

HOLMES' DISTRESS SIGNALS.
HITCHCOOK HOUSE LAMPS.

PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

PAINTS and OILS.

TALLOW and TAR.

PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,

including:

ALMONDS and RAISINS.
FRENCH PLUMS.
TEYSSENIER'S DESSERT FRUITS.
JORDAN ALMONDS.

Fine YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.
Yarmouth BLOATERS.
Hipped HERRINGS.
Herrings in 14 SARDINES.

GAVIAR.
COCOA-TINA.
Van HOUTEN'S COCOA.
EAT'S COCOA.

COOKING STOVES.**PARLOUR STOVES.****CLARETS.**

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

1863 GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT.

SACCOMAN'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCOMAN'S OLD INVALID PORT (1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

COURVOISIER'S BRANDY.

FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINSAUL'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENFIECE WHISKY.

BOODL'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOLLY PRAT & Co.'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAÇAO.

ANGOSTURA, HOKER'S and OBANOGH BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

O I G A B S.

Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in 5-patty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

Hongkong, November 22, 1884. 1870

For Sale.

EXTRA FINE QUALITY FRENCH BUTTER.
BRAND 'DUC DE NORMANDIE'.
—THE OLDEST BUTTER.
PACKING ESTABLISHMENT IN NORMANDY.

IN 1lb tins and Cases of 48 tins each.
Reduction made to Purchasers of one dozen tins, at \$6 per Dozen.

Apply to H. A. WOOLNOUGH,
Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, October 4, 1884. 1731

NOW PUBLISHED.

BUDDHISM: ITS HISTORICAL, THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS.
BY ERNEST J. EITEL, PH.D., TUBINGEN.
THIRD EDITION.
REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

Price, \$1.50.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1898

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'S CHAMPAGNE,
Quarts \$20 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints \$21 per " 2 "

Dubois Frères & de Germon & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES.

Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Broe' WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 doz.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

FOR SALE.

A BORROUGHS & WATT'S SOLID MARGARINE
BILLIARD TABLE,
Complete with Cues, Pool, PYRAMID, &c.,
BALLS, MARKING BOARD, RENTS, EXTRA CLOTH, &c., &c.

Just arrived per *Glenfaluach*,
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, November 4, 1884. 1865

FOR SALE.

MINERVA-BRUNNEN.
A DELICIOUS NATURAL MINERAL WATER
in Cases of 06 Pints @ \$7.00.
do. 48 Quarts @ \$10.00.

Apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, November 10, 1884. 1897

SEE WOO,

TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
No. 55, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.
HAS NOW LANDING, FOR SALE:

ALL KINDS OF AUTUMN AND WINTER WOOLLEN CLOTHES.
CURTAINS and Covering Furniture.

GERTRUD'S, New Zephyr Black, Dred, and Brown YELL HATS.

Feathers and Black SILK SKAUFER TIES, White DRESS TIES.

WOOLLEN WRAPPERS, Coloured and White KID GLOVES.

WOOLLEN and MERINO UNDER SUITS and SOCKS.

White TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, SILK and CANTERBURY HANDKERCHIEFS, and TOWELS.

Best Kinds of TOILET PERFEUMES and SOAPS.

Dawson's BOOTS, SHOOTING BOOTS SHOES and TENNIS SHOES, &c., &c.

A T. LOW JARICES.

Hongkong, October 25, 1884. 1806

To Let.

TO LET.

NOS. 1 and 2, RICHMOND TERRACE, BOURNEMOUTH.
The Premises lately occupied by Messrs. SAYLOR & Co. ('Vauxhall Exchange') in Queen's Road, with Dwelling-house above and Godown on Ground-floor. To be let either in conjunction with Stores or separately. Possession from 1st November next.

Apply to H. A. WOOLNOUGH,
Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, October 11, 1884. 1731

TUESDAY EVENING,

the 9th December, at 9 o'clock sharp.
PRAYA EAST and WANCHA ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 767

TO LET.

NOS. 7 and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE, NO. 3 and 4, PEDDER'S HILL.
Nos. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

No. 25, PRAYA CENTRAL.

No. 44, GRAHAM STREET.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1884. 2023

Intimations.

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

ADMISSION: TWO DOLLARS.

The PIANO is a Splendid Instrument
by ROSENKRANZ, and FOR SALE at Signor VITA.

Hongkong, December 4, 1884. 2036

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, or any Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Almeria, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. E. G. Lapham.—Barley, Bullymop & Co.—Argo, British brig, Captain Thomson.—Postau & Co.

Imposter, American barque, Capt. John P. Wessel.—Mohicans & Co.

Ingo, German barque, Captain G. Höckelmann.—Leviathan, New Zephyr Black, Dred, and Brown YELL HATS.

Livingstone, German barque, Capt. H. Stellens.—Welder & Co.

Mary Stewart, British barque, Capt. G. C. Thompson.—Master.

Mirko, British barque, Capt. Constance D. Maxwell.—Borneo Company, Limited.

Mount Lebanon, British steamer, Capt. D. Maxwell.—Toro, American barque, Capt. John Dool.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Sarah Hignett, American ship, Capt. J. Bush.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

Hongkong, December 4, 1884. 2037

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

BOMBAY, via Straits. Khiva (s).
Havre, &c., via Suez Canal. Memphis (s).
Havre, &c., via Suez Canal. Caspian (s).
Holloway and Paulsen (s).
London, via Suez Canal. Teucer (s).
London, &c., via Suez Canal. Rosetta (s).
London, via Suez Canal. Glenagles (s).
Manila. Sind (s).
Marsilles, &c., via Saigon. Wandering Jew. (s).
New York. Oceanie (s).
San Francisco, via Yokohama. Honolulu. (s).
San Francisco. Kwangtung (b).
Swatow. Pekin (s).
Sydney and Melbourne. Woosung (s).
Victoria (British Columbia). Nanaimo. (s).
Yokohama and Hiogo. Benarty (s).
Yokohama and Hiogo. Cardiganshire (s).
Yokohama and Hiogo. Cambodia (s).

SHARF LIST.—QUOTATIONS. DEC. 4, 1884.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid-up. Position per last Report. Reserve. Balance of forward.

BANKS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation. 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 4,400,000 \$ 51,443 115 cash, 116 Dec.

INSURANCES. P. & O. S. N. Co. 5,000 \$ 200 \$ 50 \$... Ths. 540,167 Ths. 280 per share

North-China Insurance Company, Limited. 3,000 \$ 200 \$ 25 \$ 50,000 Ths. 133 " sellers

Yangtze Insurance Company, Limited. 2,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 534,000 \$ 496,323 \$ 460 " buyers

Union Insurance Company, Limited. 24,000 \$ 83,333 \$ 100 \$ 600,000 \$ 167,341 \$ 533 " buyers

China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited. 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 \$ 105,000 \$ 460,566 \$ 587 " buyers

Canton Insurance Office Company, Limited. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 28,711.50 \$ 35,165.40 \$ 170 nominal

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THE CHINA MAIL.

feeling and keeping habitual continual at the public expense have during long terms of years.

TELEGRAMS.

ADDITIONS TO THE STRENGTH OF THE NAVY.

LONDON, Dec. 3rd.

The first Lord of the Admiralty in making a statement concerning the navy, said that it was intended to construct four frigates, two rams, fifteen cruisers and thirty torpedo boats.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—*Literaris, Pembroke, and Massilia*, Nov. 17.

The next ENGLISH Mail, by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Saturn*, left Singapore for this port on Sunday, the 20th ult., 877 tons, and may be expected to arrive here on or about Saturday, the 2d inst.

The S. S. *Ceredigionshire* left Singapore for this port on the 24th ult.

The S. S. *Hector* left Singapore for this port on the 27th ult.

The Union Line steamer *Cambridge* left Singapore for this port on the 29th ultime.

The B. S. *Wingang* left Singapore for this port on the 29th ultime.

The S. S. *Moncton* left Singapore for this port on 2nd inst.

DOCK MOVEMENTS.—

The *Aegean* will go to Cosmopolitan Dock to-morrow.

The *Lido* will go to Cosmopolitan Dock to-morrow.

The H. C. *Sibyl* will leave Kowloon Dock to-morrow.

The *Anton* will leave Kowloon Dock to-morrow.

The *Groves* will leave Kowloon Dock to-morrow.

The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club announced that they intend to give a performance of "Bill Waters Run Deep" at the Theatre Royal, on or about the 16th instant.

YESTERDAY H. R. M. gunboat *Swift*, Lieutenant Commander Colling, arrived here from Canton; the gunboat *Fly*, Commander John Hope, departed hence for Singapore and home; and the *Zephyr*, Lieut. Commander C. K. Moore, left for Holloway. The Japanese ironclad *Kiso*, with Admiral Matsumura on board, also left yesterday for Japan.

The substantial addition to the British navy which the home Government announces it intends to make is good evidence that at the present time the navy is not as strong as it should be. No doubt the recent articles in the *Paul Mall*, *Gazette* and other papers have resulted in a careful enquiry being made into the facts concerning the navy, and the upshot is that the responsible authorities consider it desirable that a powerful additional fleet should be constructed. The fifteen cruisers to be constructed will most likely be specially fast vessels, and the torpedo boats equal, at least to the two first classes sent out to Hongkong.

This morning, while Mrs. Horton was engaged making purchases in the Central Market, a young thief confirmed the robbery which their Universities turn out, upon the happy expedient of robbing them to Central Asia. The first experiment, according to the *New Virginian*, was not a success. An order was issued that certain appointments in the Turkistan administration were to be set aside for graduates from Russia, and in accordance with this regulation the Governor-General applied for a man whom one of these places became vacant last winter. The Government then sent out a brilliant product of the St. Petersburg University, giving him a large sum for an outfit, paying all expenses and mess allowance, and likewise a part of his salary in advance. Three months elapsed and then—the following despatch arrived from Turkistan:—Although *schwartz N.* reached Taibek in accordance with the stipulated date, yet he has never yet put in an appearance. His Lordship asked the following to be the reason. He left St. Petersburg drunk; he was drunk all the way; at Taibek he arrived drunk; and after being drunk there a whole month did drunk. I therefore have to beg that you will appoint me

Apecular point arising under the now Act dealing with the importation of Opium, was brought under the notice of the Colonial Treasurer of Queensland by Mr. T. Campbell, M.L.A. The *Cooktown Courier* reports the case:—A Chinaman named Lo Chong arrived here in the German schooner *Hans* from New Britain recently, his object being to proceed home to China by the first steamer. The subject of Customs, a portion of whose duty it is to collect the poll-tax on all Chinese who enter the colony from foreign parts, was continually in the exercise of his duty, to require the usual payment from the man in question. The Celestial paid it, and had to do so before he could land. His agent, Mr. E. Horne, forthwith telegraphed to the Colonial Treasurer, intimating the facts thereof, and requesting that the money paid over by Lo Chong to Mr. Fahey might be returned to him on his departure from Cooktown, which would be the very first steamer leaving here for China, viz., in a day or two. Mr. Dickson refused to entertain it, and the result is that the unfortunate man, who had been working hard in New Britain for years past, and who had no means of reaching his own country except by shipwrecking at this port, was compelled to pay a fee of £20 for a few days' unwilling detention in Cooktown. Mr. Horne (say the *Courier*), who is referred to in the above, passed through Brisbane, and in company with Mr. Campbell called on the Colonial Treasurer, and again pleaded the Chinaman's cause. Mr. Dickson expressed regret that he could take no action, as the Attorney-General had decided that the tax was properly levied under the Act, and could not be returned.

Mr. Farr once said that if one could watch the march of 1,000,000 people through life, the following would be observable:—Nearly 150,000 would die the first year, 53,000 the second year, 28,000 the third year, and less than 4,000 in the thirteenth year. At the end of forty-five years 50,000 would die. At the end of fifty years 37,000 would die, still leaving 13,000. At the end of 60 years 97,000, at eight days 31,000, and at ninety-five years there would be 292,000. The lawyer has been charged with receiving stolen goods.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* writes:—

Le Monde Politique has a satirical-drawn and coloured caricature which is full of actuality, and has been a great hit. It represents on the beach of the mouth of the Seine a frigate on which is placed a "Départ pour Tonkin," and in which a sailor rings furiously a big bell to warn an infantry regiment that is marching up, to make haste and get on board. In the foreground a ruder elector with a foot in his arse and a wooden leg, which he won in Tonkin, and a Mandarins peasant's nightcap on his head, is collaring his fat and deformed Deputy, and saying, in his patois, "Just us have a moment's talk together, and I may have heard the Empereur was in peace, and voted for the Empire. Because we did, we soon after received some famous threatening." Well, you have since come to tell that under the Empereur there would be no war, and get there you are, "talking away at China." The man who has the nightcap on the planck, and is to meet you the planck, is the real Chinese. The Emperor, the port of this cartoon, is the Emperor of France, a word invented by M. Thiers, 1872, when a frivolous soldier, and a diamond-potato. That is to say, he will

be a chinoise of his Deputy who pretend that France is not at war with China, but only exercising reprisals.

A TRAVELLER, who has lately returned from the Austrian capital says:—"I saw at Vienna, one day, two ladies shopping in the Kaiserplatz. They scrutinised the windows, and used pretty little ejaculations of admiration or disapproval, and went in and priced the goods, and came out without buying a thing, after making the counter-hand loas and tumble the stock; and, in short, behaved as they always behaved under the terrible temptation of a duck of a basket, or the forbidden fruit of a sealakin pelisse, or a fathian fish. Well, these two women were the Empress and an Archduchess of Austria, and though the lieges knew them well; they moved about without being stared at, much less mobbed, and suffered no further inconvenience than the necessity of occasionally acknowledging a respectful salutation."

It is certainly incredible says a writer in *Life* that an official of the gas company, supposed to know his business, and to have been trained in it, should go about looking for a leakage in a gas-pipe by the aid of a lighted candle. Ordinary coal gas burns slowly and with a steady flame, but, if mixed with about its own proportion of ordinary air, it explodes with the most terrible violence. This is exactly what happened in Edward Street. The front and back walls of the house were blown out. The roof and floors fell in. A child about four years old was injured, that he died within a few hours. Of two other children, also in the house, little hope is entertained. The other inmates together with the enterprising gas official, were sufficiently fortunate to escape with slight injuries. The house itself is a complete wreck. And, we may add, so violent was the shock that persons who were passing by in the street at the time were thrown to the ground and severely bruised.

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